very old and out-dated and the high and uneconomic State advised cane prices which the factory was required to pay etc.

(d) Statutory Auditors are auditing he accounts of the mill.

(e) The Government is taking all possible steps to improve the technical efficiency and overall performance 3f the mill.

(f) The normal annual requirement of firewood depends on various fac-.ors like cane to be crushed in a year; ibre per cent in cane; daily cane ;rushin,g, breakdown and stoppages and therefore its annual requirenent cannot be specified in advance.

(g) The erstwhile management of he factory as also the Auditors aplointed by the erstwhile management lid not hand over all the relevant re-:ords despite intense efforts. The dealed accounts prior to take-over thus lad to be reconstructed which Hook onsiderable time. In addition acounts needed updating. These favors coupled with the delay contributd in obtaining nonobjection certiiiates from previous Auditors as retuired under Company Act and conultation with the Department of "ompany Affairs and Comptroller and Auditor General of India as well as he Institute of the Chartered Acountants have contributed to the deay. However, the auditing of the ccounts is now proceeding smoothly nd the audit$_s$ of the years mentioned ire to be taken up in the near uture.

Ution against employers who violate labour laws

1632. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be (leased to state whether Government propose t$_0$ amend the Industrial Dis-utes Act, 1947 to deal with the emp-oyer$_s$ who violate labour laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): The Industrial Disputes Act contains penal provisions for taking action against those who violate the law. There is at present no proposal to amend the Act in this regard.

Area under cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

1633. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL. DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area in each district of Andhra Pradesh which has been brought under cultivation during the Sixth Plan:

(b) what is the area proposed to be brought under cultivation in each district of the State during the Seventh Plan; and

(c) what is the .area remaining to be brought under cultivation in each destrict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected from the State Government.

Regional Programmes on second channel of Delhi Doordarshan

1634. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governmnet's consideration to use the second channel from Delhi exclusively for programmes in all the regional languages; and

'(b) if so, fhe details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

'(b)' Does not arise.